

MRS. NICHOLS GIVES '100' BODY PRAISE

Reports of Distrust in Senator Penrose Denied as Mrs. Harmon Resigns

CHARTER WORK LAUDED

Coincident with the resignation of Mrs. Archibald R. Harmon, prominent suffrage worker, from the committee of one hundred, comes the statement of Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, another member of the committee, with praise for the organization.

"Too much Penrose" is ascribed as the reason for Mrs. Harmon resigning from the committee.

"In the committee I have not heard a word indicating distrust or disbelief in Senator Penrose," declared Mrs. Nichols today.

"I have heard nothing that indicates Senator Penrose's control of the committee. It was chosen as an independent committee and I have faith in it. Some of the men did splendid service for Philadelphia in getting the charter and deserve confidence in this matter of selecting a Mayor.

Distrust Rumor Denied "In the committee I have not heard a word indicating distrust or belief that Senator Penrose or any other person was seeking to gain control or had gained control."

Mrs. Harmon is chairman of the Sixth congressional district of the National Woman's party, and also is franchise leader of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Opposed to Policy In her letter of resignation to Chairman Walton, of the committee of one hundred, Mrs. Harmon announced that she was taking such action because the committee was "limiting itself in the choice of a majority candidate to recognized followers of Senator Penrose."

She declared she had hoped "the movement would be a real attempt to help the city."

Without naming A. Lincoln Acker, who was looked upon as the probable majority candidate of the committee of one hundred, she referred to him as "a Penrose ward leader."

Mrs. Mary Margolis, another committee member, said: "Mrs. Harmon caused me to decide today to make an inquiry as to how the members of the committee stand before taking any further action. The committee was to have met today, but the meeting was postponed until next Thursday."

Discord Rumors Denied "I have heard nothing in the committee that indicates distrust or discord. The rumors and reports are all from the outside. I do not know what has made Mrs. Harmon think the committee is dominated by Senator Penrose. Some members of the committee, of course, are Republicans, but I do not know how many, if any, are 'Penrose men.'"

Mrs. Harmon's letter to Chairman Walton follows: "In response to an invitation to become a member of the committee of one hundred, which has publicly declared its purpose to obtain, through the election of officers this fall, good government for Philadelphia, I attended the first meeting of the committee at which an organization was perfected.

"In common with other women who believe that it is their duty to give their life to the public service, I am heartily in favor of the election of high-class competent city officials and for good government for the city in every sense of the word, but I do not want to lend my aid to a movement which may be disposed merely to promote the interests of political faction seeking to establish itself in power.

"So far as my observation goes, aided, as it has been by reading the newspapers, it appears that the committee of one hundred is limiting itself in the choice of a majority candidate to recognized followers of Senator Penrose, and that its first choice according to all accounts, is a Penrose ward leader.

Criticizes Penrose "I cannot give my support to any movement which is so dominated by Senator Penrose. I would not be just to myself if I did. Senator Penrose has been the consistent opponent of the real reforms for which we women have fought.

"He has been determinedly opposed to equal suffrage. "He has always been the friend and champion of the liquor interests. "He has been the enemy of all legislation intended to protect children, women and industrial workers.

"I hope that the movement represented by the committee would be a real attempt to help the city. Instead it appears to be an effort to put Senator Penrose at the head of affairs here. "I therefore, tender my resignation as a member of the committee to take effect at once.

MCCULLEN A CANDIDATE

Newly Appointed Judge Files Papers for Election Strong endorsement of Joseph P. McCullen to continue as a member of Court of Common Pleas No. 4 are shown in the nominating papers circulated in his behalf.

Judge McCullen was recently appointed by Governor Sprout to succeed to the vacancy in Court No. 4 caused by the death of Judge Carr. Judge McCullen's name goes on the nonpartisan ballot at the November election, and his endorsements include prominent officials, judges, lawyers and representative citizens. The nominating petition was filed with the secretary of the commonwealth today. The paper contains about two thousand signatures.

Nominating papers for Judges Charles E. Bartlett and Thomas F. McNichol, both of the Municipal Court, will be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth by John F. Sloan, chief clerk of the Municipal Court. Five thousand signatures have been obtained to the petitions.

PATROLMAN GUARDING BANK CHEERS FELLOW DEPOSITORS

Paisner, Now on Night Shift, Has Given New Hope to Hundreds Clamoring for Money Since North Penn Crash

Patrolman Paisner has gone! With the disappearance of the "cop" of the Twenty-sixth and York streets station from the doorway of the North Penn Bank, another blow has fallen upon the depositors.

Today a new face glowered at them when they became too insistent in their demands for entrance; a new voice sought to explain to them the intricacies of banking finance; which juggled them out of their money. Patrolman Paisner has gone on the night shift.

For the last two weeks, during the trying period which followed closing of the bank, Patrolman Paisner had come and turned back a veritable cascade of misery which wound its way to the bank doors, proving himself a good Samaritan, philosopher and finally a "cop," all rolled into one. And the depositors of the neighborhood have come to trust and appreciate him.

"Stand here with me for a few moments if you want to hear some pitiful tales," he said yesterday.

A Good, Straight Tip A minute later an old man, who had been standing at the curb, crossing the bank, hobbled across the pavement and climbed the steps, brushed by every one else as they all do, and addressed himself to Paisner.

"Can I get in there and take out my money?" he asked in a cracked voice.

"Not yet, not until I get orders to let you in. Got money in there?"

"Every cent I have in the world. Say, what am I going to do? What chance have I got to ever get that money?"

"Chance! Why it ain't no chance at all. I got a straight tip that all the depositors will be paid—dollar for dollar. You can come back in a few weeks and fill up your pockets, so quit worrying. I wish I had some in there."

"Come a withered woman, clutching a bank book in one trembling hand. "Are they takin' in books today?"

"Not yet, mother. You'll have to come back in a few weeks. Don't worry about the money, for it's safe in there. "But my boy is sick; what can I do?" Her face wrinkled to cry, but the tears were dried up long ago. Patrolman Paisner pulled her to one side and whispered into her ear for a second. He sent her away smiling.

An irate, perspiring man pushed his way through the crowd and faced the "cop."

"Got to Hear Me" "Why won't they let me in there to talk to them investigators? They got to hear me." His voice rose and he started for the door, but found himself whirled around.

"Now you ain't no better than hundreds of others around here, so you better beat it. Come back when you're in a better humor."

"Go with my dough's in there? Not much." But he went.

And so it goes, all day long, every day.

Until a few days ago people who had been standing in the vaults for safekeeping, had some difficulty in getting in to claim their possessions, but then Patrolman Paisner found a solution for the dilemma. After that he called them to one side and told them something.

The only thing overhead was the word "alone," but they went away for a few minutes, came back and were admitted to the bank without any trouble. And they always thanked the "cop" with a smile when they came out.

"It's a good thing you haven't any money in there," some one said to Patrolman Paisner.

"I got it with me, and two kids to take care of, and all my money, about \$500, is in this bank," he replied.

For the first time he seemed a bit worried. Then he smiled.

"No long," he said, as he walked away to "bring up."

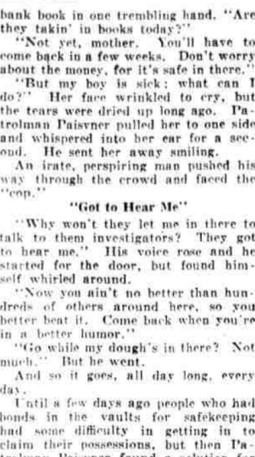
Now SAY SEVEN DIED IN ARSENAL BLAST

Raritan Explosion Caused Fatalities, Officials Admit—"Several" Bodies Recovered

Raritan, N. J., Aug. 5.—(By A. P.)—Lieutenant Jefford, adjutant of the Raritan arsenal, said today that he did not believe "more than seven" were killed in the explosion of a magazine, filled with low grade explosives, here yesterday.

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CONTRAST IN MOODS OF BANK DIRECTORS

Schwartz Knows Little, but Talks Freely—Schaffer Holds Tongue

Personalities of the various directors of the North Penn Bank show a vast difference.

This is best shown by a comparison of William T. Schaffer and Jacob Schwartz, two of the directors.

Both say all the money they had is tied up in the wrecked institution. Schaffer is busy at work earning more, while Schwartz wonders if he can dispose of a lot of wood held over from the mill winter of last year and help the other depositors.

The next egg on which Schwartz and his wife are pinning their hopes—both are well on in years now—is a paltry \$300 and their stock in the bank, the last subject to an assessment of twice its face value.

Schwartz was found on the roof of an old wagon shed along the side of his house at 2308 North Twenty-seventh street. His wife and daughter, doing the family washing in the yard, directed the way to a rickety ladder leading to the roof.

"Sure, I'm a Director" "Sure, I'm a director," Schwartz confessed, "but I wish to God I wasn't."

"Do you think the depositors will get anything out of the bank?" he asked. He explained that all he knew about the bank's affairs since the crash had been gleaned from the newspapers.

Then he stopped talking for a minute to place a piece of old wagon cover over one of the many holes in the wagon shed.

"I've been a director ever since the bank organized," he said. "But I never did know anything about banking. I guess they got me because everybody says I still have the first cent I earned after coming to this country."

"Did I attend the January 9 meeting at which the 3 per cent semiannual dividend was declared? Well, I really don't know, but the records will show. Maybe I did. The meeting was open to stockholders also, I think."

"How were dividends declared? Why, Meyer read them off and we approved them," he said.

"The money I have tied up in the bank hangs much to us," he said. "Hereafter the war I was a cementing contractor and business was good. But help became scarce and I had to give up all this wood you see here (pointing to great piles of cordwood, which almost completely filled the yard), but had to keep it over because of the mill winter."

"But I'm going to get rid of it this year if I have to almost give it away, and people who lost money in the bank and need the wood will get first choice."

Wonders About Meeting He then inquired if there shouldn't be a meeting of the board of directors to talk over the bank's affairs. He said he had suggested such a conference to Louis Michel, bank president, but that the latter had said he would see some of the "boys" before calling such a conference.

Schwartz, apparently, is not a business man. He is a worker. And a saver. Still, at the age of sixty he is ready to begin again and help others, too, and his wife is willing to do her share by doing the family wash.

"Where are you going now?" Schwartz inquired, curiously.

"Up to see Mr. Schaffer," was the reply.

The director's face underwent a sudden change.

"Please don't tell him I said anything; he might not like it. Good-by. I hope everybody gets their money," he said, returning to his job of fixing the roof as the interviewer descended the ladder to the ground.

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'PUSEY A JOKE,' SAYS NORTH PENN VICTIM

Druggist Depositor in Wrecked Bank Asserts Investigation "Will Take 100 Years"

"Pusey is a joke. The way he is handling the North Penn case it will take 100 years to clear it up."

This statement was made by Nathan Zonies, a druggist, at Twenty-ninth and Diamond streets, a large depositor in the wrecked bank. He referred to Colonel Fred Taylor Pusey, chief state probor.

"The whole investigation has a bad color," he said. "It is just one thing—politics, politics, politics. Here we are having an expensive investigation and getting nothing out of it."

In the window of the Zonies store is posted an editorial from the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, in which action in the bank case is urged. There is scarcely an hour in the day that a small group of depositors is not standing before the window reading the article.

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TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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HENDERSON PETITION FILED

Names of Four Former Attorney Generals Included on List

The petition which has just been filed on behalf of Judge Henderson to place his name upon the ballot as a candidate to succeed himself in the Orphans' Court, contains the names of many of the leaders of the bar.

Among others, there are the four former attorneys general, Hampton L. Carson, M. Hampton Todd, John C. Bell and Francis Shunk Brown; also former Judge Dimmer Beaber, Henry P. Brown, Franklin Spencer Edmunds, Chester N. Farr, Jr., Robert Lambertson, Joseph L. McAleer, H. Gordon McCouch, William H. Peace, Colonel Sheldon Potter, Thomas Reath, Owen J. Roberts, Daniel J. Shern, Charles Sinker, William W. Smithers, Ernest L. Tustin, J. B. Colahan, Jr., Russell Duane, James Alcorn, Joseph Gillilan and Thomas James Meagher.

MOVE TO PUNISH BANK GUILTY TODAY

Colonel Pusey Denied that he had received a letter from Governor Sprout instructing him on methods to be pursued in the investigation. Asked whether such a letter had been received by him, James W. MacBurney, receiver for the bank, said he had orders from Judge S. Fisher, commissioner of banking, to "say nothing."

"The depositors are incensed because they have not been taken into the confidence of the officials," he was told. "They should go for all information to Mr. Fisher."

The directors of the bank will also be called upon for information by Colonel Pusey, said the receiver. The president, Charles A. Ambler, former state insurance commissioner, who deposited \$402,000 of state funds in the bank and borrowed between \$100,000 and \$150,000 from the institution, has not yet paid his debt. He failed to call on Mr. Pusey yesterday, although the latter said he "arranged him with a complete list of his loans, made at various times while he was in public office."

Moyer will be indicted this month, according to prediction of Assistant District Attorney Taulane. He is now preparing a summary of the facts which he will present to the grand jury.

2 PROBES OF FATAL BLAST

Deputy Fire Marshal and Coroner Investigate Boys' Deaths

Investigations are being conducted by Deputy Fire Marshal Whitmore and Coroner's Deputy Paul into the explosion on Sunday afternoon at Wayne Junction which caused the death of Walter Molecki, thirteen years, 215 Rowan street; Frank Hagen, thirteen years, 1935 Cayuga street, and Stanley Hagen, Frank's six-year-old brother.

City Hall records show a license was issued last February to Vincent Mercaldo to store powder and dynamite in a frame structure in an isolated section. The explosion occurred in Mercaldo's quarry. Mercaldo said he was done with the job several weeks ago and there was nothing in the shed but tools and the door was fastened with a lock.

Boys in the neighborhood say there was no lock on the door last Saturday.

COMES HOME FOR FUNERAL

Missing Girl Read of Father's Death in Papers

Marie Faupel, the eighteen-year-old girl for whom a search has been conducted for the past week, returned to her home, 404 South Fourth street, Camden, today, in time to attend the funeral of her father, William Faupel, who died last Saturday.

The young woman said she had been working on a farm near Woodbury. She left her home on Tuesday of last week, and had not heard of her father's death nor the efforts made to find her until she read about it in the newspapers. She said she intends to remain at home with her mother.

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Girl for general housework and assist in social service office. Good family. Good wages and opportunity to learn typewriting. Hours, 12:35 to 1:15.

ASSISTANT TELLER RESIGNED IN DISGUST

Strunk Says North Penn Was Loosely Operated—Quarrelled With Moyer

Wallace A. Strunk, former assistant receiving teller of the North Penn Bank and a brother of Amos Strunk, of the Athletics, says he found banking methods at the institution so loosely run and "so flagrantly irregular" that he quit the job in disgust after his protests to Ralph T. Moyer, cashier, and other employees of the bank had got him "in bad" with the Moyer-Strang-Coffish aggregation.

"Conditions at the bank were so 'raw,'" Mr. Strunk said, that it was common knowledge at the institution that Strang, the paying teller, told the cashier, Moyer, that he was resigning. Strang made no effort to conceal the fact that he also went under the assumed name of James E. Caldwell.

"When he was told of the resignation, the bank and asked for Mr. Caldwell, the employee at the phone would turn to Strang and say, with a smile, 'You're wanted on the telephone.' This fact was known to Mr. Moyer, the cashier, and virtually all other employees of the bank."

Observed Irregularities Mr. Strunk pointed out when he began his duties at the North Penn bank, five weeks ago, he noticed that Strang was making up the "cash book" for Robert Hartman, the receiving teller, each day. Strunk told Mr. Strunk explained, shows the amount of deposits received daily, cash on hand and other important financial items.

"This practice was so flagrantly irregular that I protested against it at once," said Mr. Strunk.

"Strang told me that he did it because Hartman, the receiving teller, didn't know how to prepare it properly. But I told Strang I was capable of doing it myself."

"The Moyer and Strang became antagonistic toward him. Mr. Strunk explained, because he frankly expressed disapproval of their methods. Strang, according to Mr. Strunk, told the chairman at the bank that he disliked Strunk "because he is always poking into things."

Found Conditions Changed Mr. Strunk made these statements in an interview at his home, 2920 Lehigh avenue, where he lives with a sister, Mrs. George Wiegner.

Mr. Strunk worked at the North Penn Bank for five years up to December, 1917, when he was stricken with scarlet fever. Shortly after his recovery he entered military service, and upon his release on May 22 last, he was appointed to his present position at the bank. He was told by the accused cashier that his position as assistant receiving teller was temporary and that he would be elevated to receiving teller in a short time.

But conditions were not the same at the bank during June, 1919, as during 1917, when he was stricken with scarlet fever. Shortly after his recovery he entered military service, and upon his release on May 22 last, he was appointed to his present position at the bank. He was told by the accused cashier that his position as assistant receiving teller was temporary and that he would be elevated to receiving teller in a short time.

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One member has been selected from each of the eight senatorial districts. The member from the Third district has not yet been announced.

Other members of the subcommittees are: First district, Dr. William Irwin, Independent, of the Thirty-ninth ward. Second district, Powell Evans, Independent, of the Eighth ward. Fourth district, Charles M. Horter, Independent, of the Twenty-eighth ward. Fifth district, J. Fred Greenwood, Independent, of the Thirty-seventh ward. Sixth district, Thomas F. Armstrong, Independent, of the Thirty-eighth ward. Seventh district, Senator A. F. Daix, Jr., Republican Alliance, of the Twenty-ninth ward. Eighth district, William D. Disston, Independent, of the Forty-first ward.

JUNE BREAKS RECORD IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Figures of P. R. R. Show 89,599 Cars as Daily Average Over Eastern Lines

Indication of a big revival in business is shown in figures obtained today regarding the traffic movements during the month of June.

All previous records in freight car movements were broken; and there are indications that still larger traffic will be recorded for August.

During June there were approximately 85,000 regular passenger trains operated with the additional movement of from ten to twenty-five extra trains each day. For the month the passenger train mileage was 3,620,783.

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During the first six months of 1919 there has been a steady increase in the number of cars of merchandise freight loaded on the Pennsylvania lines, this class of freight totaling 183,014 cars in June, an increase of 8954 cars over the preceding month.

Indicative of the continued increase in the movement of freight are the statements showing the number of cars passing through Potomac yard as well as Edge Moor yard during the first two weeks of July. For the former yard the daily average was 1502 cars, an increase of 35 per cent, as compared with the daily average for the first six months of 1919. During the first eleven days of July 16,436 cars were handled through Edge Moor yard, as compared with 15,061 for the same period in 1918 and 14,298 in 1917.

The average number of loaded cars per train has been gradually increasing since the first of the present year. In January the number was 38.7 cars, in February 39 cars, March 39.3 cars, April 42.4 cars, May 44.2 cars and June 44.7 cars.

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